

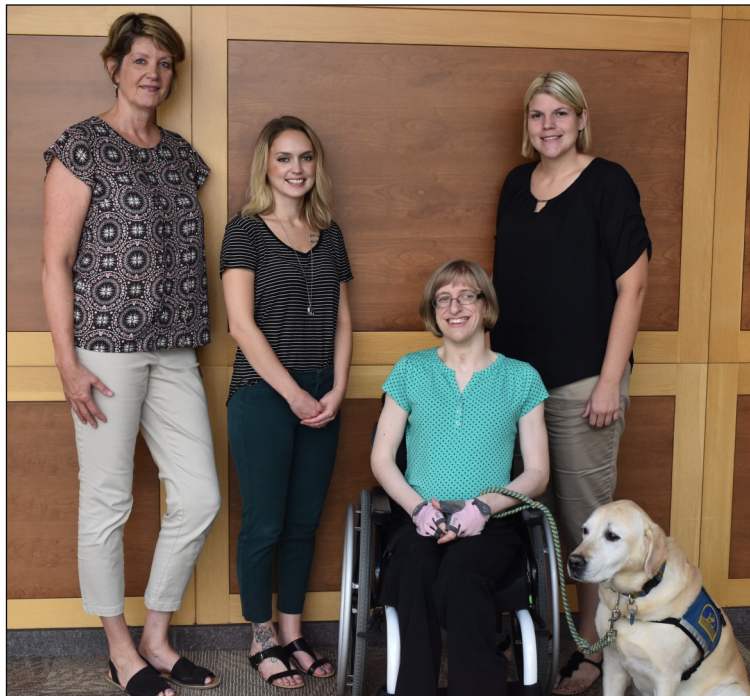


2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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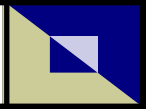
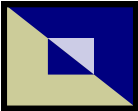


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HISTORY

The Governor's Council on Disability traces its roots to the World War II era. In 1947, President Harry S Truman issued an Executive Order establishing the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. This Committee was created to assist WW II veterans living with disabilities with reentry into the civilian workforce. In 1949, Missouri established the state Governor's Committee to share information about work related problems facing people living with disabilities. In 1994, our statute was updated to broaden our mission beyond employment, enabling the Governor's Council on Disability to become a voice for more than one million Missourians living with disabilities in all facets of life, including state government.

MISSION

To provide leadership and support so people with disabilities achieve inclusion and independence.

VISION

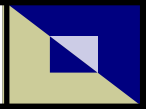
The Missouri Governor's Council on Disability will be recognized, statewide as the primary organization providing leadership to improve the lives of Missouri citizens with disabilities.

GOALS

The Missouri Governor's Council on Disability's Strategic and Operational Plan was reviewed and updated for 2017—2019 on November 18, 2016. The Goals are:

- Goal I: Advise all state agencies and non governmental organizations to advocate for policies and practices that impact Missouri citizens with disabilities.
- Goal II: Encourage system changes and public policies that eliminate barriers to people with disabilities.
- Goal III: Expand opportunities for independence for people with disabilities in all aspects of their lives.
- Goal IV: Gather input from the public on disabilities-related issues and report the results of this information.
- Goal V: Develop, explore, and implement strategies to increase resources for and the operating efficiency of the Council.

For the complete Strategic Plan, please visit our website at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd> and click on Strategic Plan.



COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

- 20 members and a chairperson comprise the Council.
- Council members are appointed by the Governor.
- The appointment of the chairperson requires the advice and consent of the Missouri Senate.
- Members represent each of the eight U.S. Congressional Districts.
- The majority of members are people with disabilities.
- The Governor's Council on Disability is comprised of the following committees: Executive, Advocacy, and Programs.
- The Council conducts quarterly meetings.
- Currently, five seats are vacant.



Yvonne Wright
Council Chair
New Bloomfield
First Appointed: 7/21/15



Joan Bergstrom
Member 1
Lee's Summit
First Appointed: 7/15/08



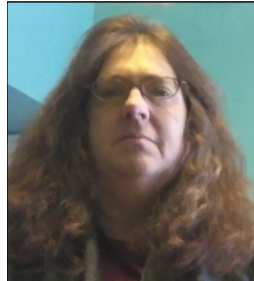
Charles Comstock II
6th Congressional District
Kirksville
First Appointed: 7/29/10



Betty Davidson
Member 5
St. Louis
First Appointed: 11/16/09



Ronald Hack
Member 10
Sunset Hills
First Appointed: 10/2/09



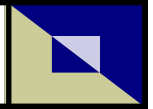
Mary Ann Harter
Member 3
Crestwood
First Appointed: 11/16/09



Rosemary Hendon
8th Congressional District
West Plains
First Appointed: 1/6/17



Raymond "Chip" Hailey
7th Congressional District
Joplin
First Appointed: 1/6/17



Katie Jones
Member 4
St. Peters
First Appointed: 10/27/17



Elijah Mayfield
Member 11
Jefferson City
First Appointed: 3/14/18



Todd Mayfield
3rd Congressional District
Jefferson City
First Appointed: 10/9/01



DeAnna Noriega
Member 7
Columbia
First Appointed: 10/2/09



Susan Orton
Member 8
Creve Coeur
First Appointed: 7/19/05



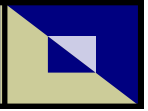
Opeoluwa Sotonwa
Member 9
Jefferson City
First Appointed: 3/7/18



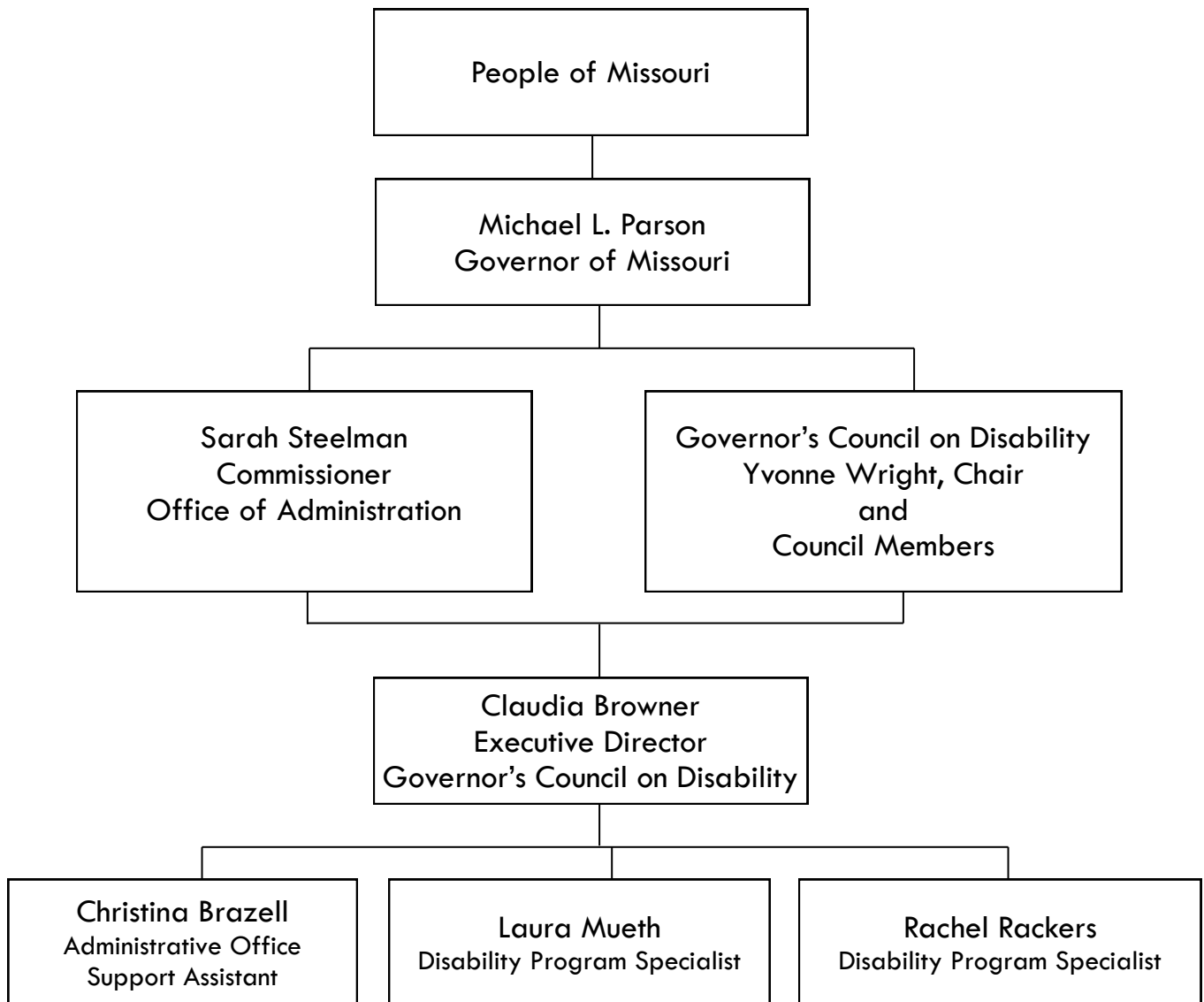
James Trout
1st Congressional District
Webster Groves
First Appointed: 3/4/09



Robert Wallace
Member 2
St. Louis
First Appointed: 5/10/10



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



COUNCIL EVENTS 2018

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

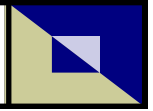
- Opeoluwa Sotonwa was appointed to the Council March 7, 2018
- Elijah Mayfield was appointed to the Council March 14, 2018
- Currently five seats are vacant.

STAFF

- Claudia Browner was hired as the Executive Director April 2, 2018.
- Rachel Rackers started as the new coordinator for the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum and Disability Program Specialist on July 2, 2018.
- Christina Brazell was hired as the Administrative Office Support Assistant on August 1, 2018

PROGRAMS

- GCD staff developed core value statements for its core values—Integrity, Diversity, Collaboration, and Dependability
- GCD developed and maintained partnerships among the state departments. State department liaisons are encouraged to attend the quarterly Council meetings and provide input from their departments.
- GCD staff participated as exhibitors at various conferences throughout the State of Missouri to raise disability awareness and provide information on disability related programs and resources.
- GCD staff served on state agency teams, committees and boards to exchange information and collaborate with disability-related organizations.
- GCD staff provided educational presentations to organizations, agencies, and employers throughout Missouri on disability-related topics such as employment of people with disabilities, disability awareness, service animals, self-determination, and the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum.
- GCD staff collaborated with MPACT to host the annual Tools for Life Transition Summit.
- GCD received three proclamations from Governor Michael L. Parson: 1. Recognizing the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum, 2. Declaring October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and 3. Declaring October as Disability History Month in Missouri.
- GCD provided a Disability History and Awareness Exhibit during the month of October.
- GCD staff participated in the national Association of Youth Leadership Forums.
- GCD Executive Director participated in the National Association of Governor's Councils.
- GCD published six issues of the bi-monthly newsletter covering disability-related topics.
- GCD staff participated in the Missouri Policy Summit on Secondary Education Opportunities for Students with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities.
- GCD continued its annual programs:
 - Legislative Education Project
 - Legislative Priorities Poll
 - Legislative Update
 - Missouri Youth Leadership Forum
 - GCD Awards Programs
 - Inclusion Award
 - Youth Leadership Award
 - Website/IT Award



FINANCES

All but one of the Governor's Council on Disability's programs are financed with General Revenue. This funding covers personnel costs and expenses for most Council activities. The Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019) budget is listed below:

Personnel (4 FTE):	\$174,981.00
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$ 19,029.00</u>
Total:	\$194,010.00

At the time of publication, the Council has spent \$5,650 in operating expenses, 30% of the FY19 budget. Expenses include supplies, travel, Council meeting expenses, professional development, accommodations, and expenses for GCD programs.

The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF) is a program that is **not** funded through General Revenue funds. This program is funded through a combination of private donations and grants.

Beginning in 2015, Paraquad, a Center for Independent Living in St. Louis, signed a Memorandum of Understanding as the 501(C)3 fiscal agent for the MO-YLF account.

The following is a synopsis of the 2018 MO-YLF budget.

Beginning balance Forum account (with Paraquad) January 1, 2018:	\$ 49,074.39
2018 MO-YLF event costs:	
Supplies, Equipment, Printing & Material	\$ 2,695.18
Presenter Fees and Travel Expenses	\$ 6,250.00
Staff and Alumni Travel	\$ 347.28
Accommodations (PCAs, ASL Interpreters, CART)	\$ 2,196.50
Transportation	\$ 432.00
Meals (separate from MU billing)	\$ 480.75
University of Missouri – Columbia ¹	<u>\$ 28,113.90</u>
	\$ 40,515.61
Post MO-YLF activities/professional development ²	<u>\$ 1,657.42</u>
Total Spent:	\$ 42,173.03
Donations/sponsorships/deposits received in 2018:	\$ 50,022.00
Balance in MO-YLF account (December 1, 2018)	\$ 56,923.36

1. Includes: Lodging, meals, banquet facilities, meeting rooms, conference center fees

2. Expenses include: Expenses for MO-YLF coordinator to attend National APRIL (Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living) conference)

The average cost of the 2018 MO-YLF was about \$2,383 per student delegate.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

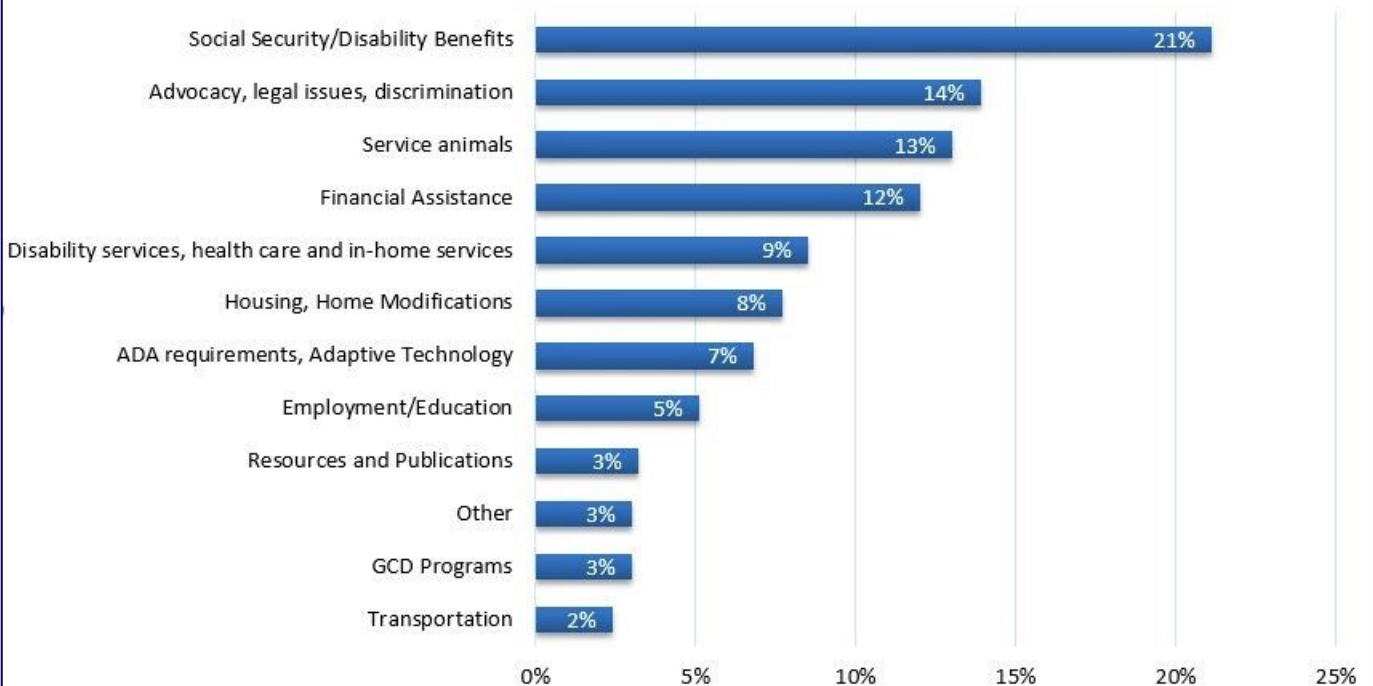
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

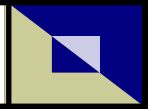
The Governor's Council on Disability provides disability-related technical assistance to individuals, businesses, governmental and agency representatives from all over the state, and occasionally from other states, by phone, letter, or e-mail. Most contacts were from individuals in need of resources in order to live more independently. Referrals were made to Centers for Independent Living, state and federal agencies, and other non-profits, including faith-based groups and Community Action Agencies. In some instances, referrals were made to businesses or for-profit entities. The Council also worked with a number of state legislators and the Governor's Office on constituent affairs to provide solutions to individuals' problems and issues.

In this past year, the Council received a substantial number of calls and e-mail inquiries concerning financial assistance, service animals, disability services, housing, employment and legal/advocacy issues. Other common inquiries included requests for information about transportation, accommodations, ADA guidelines and regulations, Universal Design standards, accessible parking, FMLA issues, eligibility requirements for disability benefits, and questions about potential discrimination on the job, in housing or in public places.

Overall, the Council assisted more than 700 different individuals with their phone inquiries and responded to more than 650 e-mail inquiries and requests, which represents an increase of 13.8% from 2017.

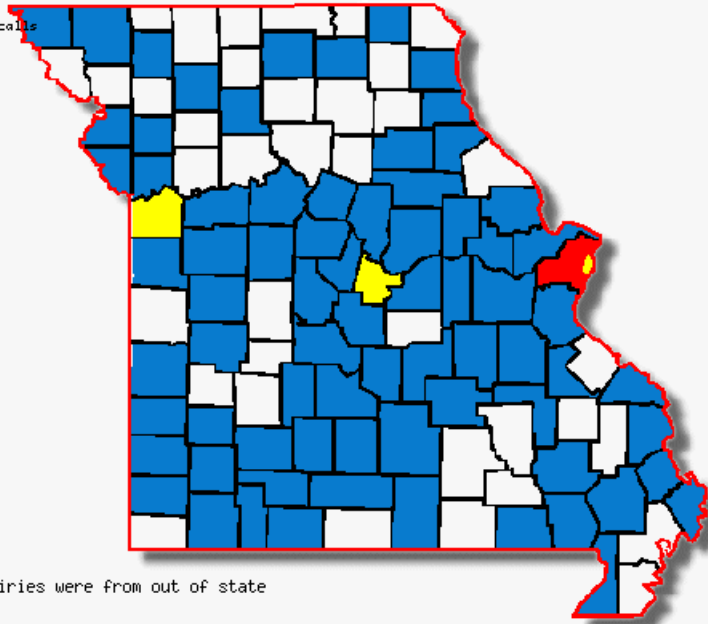
Technical Assistance by Category





2018 Phone Inquiries by County

- - <5% of calls
- - 5-10% of calls
- - >10% of calls



NOTES:

4.4% of inquiries were from out of state

Source: diymaps.net (c)

The counties displayed on the map include the following:

Group I (<5% of inquiries):

Adair, Atchison, Audrain, Barry, Barton, Boone, Buchanan, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Cass, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Cooper, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Daviess, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Franklin, Gasconade, Gentry, Greene, Henry, Howard, Howell, Iron, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Livingston, Marion, Miller, Mississippi, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Nodaway, Osage, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Platte, Pulaski, Ralls, Ripley, Saline, Scotland, Scott, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, Stoddard, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wright

Group II (5-10% of inquiries): Cole, Jackson, St. Louis City

Group III (>10% of inquiries): St. Louis County

Total number of counties listed: 77 of 114 Missouri counties, and the city of St. Louis.

PUBLICATIONS / RESOURCES

DIRECTORY OF RESOURCES FOR MISSOURIANS WITH DISABILITIES

The Governor's Council on Disability publishes a variety of information on the [Disability Web Portal](#), including the *Resource Directory for Missourians with Disabilities*. The online Directory allows each user to search for disability-related resources by category or location.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

During the legislative session, a weekly update - [Legislative Update](#) - was distributed to keep interested individuals up-to-date on legislation that potentially impacts individuals with disabilities. Over 1,250 individuals received the publication via email and the regular mail system in addition to the website.

GCD NEWSLETTER

The GCD published six issues of the bi-monthly newsletter about disability-related topics and GCD activities. The newsletter is sent out by email and posted on the website and Facebook page, as well as Twitter. The newsletters can be found online at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/newsletters.htm>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The Governor's Council on Disability also disseminated a variety of other publications including the *accessible parking informational "Tickets."*

AWARDS PROGRAMS

For 26 years, the Governor's Council on Disability (GCD)'s [Inclusion Award](#) has showcased individuals or organizations that have demonstrated best practices in inclusion of people with disabilities. In 2013, GCD added the [Youth Leadership Award](#) recognizing emerging leaders in the disability community, and the [Website/IT Award](#) honoring Missouri non-profit organizations that offer accessible and user-friendly websites was added in 2016.

The 2017 winners were honored at the annual Power Up Conference in Columbia in April 2018.

ANNUAL INCLUSION AWARD

The Governor's Council on Disability's annual Inclusion Award program recognizes and honors a Missouri resident, organization or business that illustrates excellence in leadership for best inclusion practices. Innovative universal design and assistive technology concepts that incorporate people with disabilities also may be submitted. The Council's Programs Committee selects the winners of the Inclusion Awards, who are nominated by individuals or organizations in their communities.



26th Annual Inclusion Award winner:

Talent Connect, UCP Heartland, St. Louis

Talent Connect, a program of UCP Heartland, is changing the way hotels in the St. Louis metropolitan area fill open positions by offering a single point of entry for businesses and streamlining the hiring process. UCP staff partners with regional adult service providers and state departments to source potential program candidates. More than 53 individuals with a disability have been hired by collaborating St. Louis area hotel and hospitality companies. Because of the program's unique design and embedded on-site supports, 85 percent of these employees have retained their position, many receiving awards and accolades from their managers. (Photo: Richard Coleman, UCP Heartland)

Honorable Mention: Kate Hannon, St. Louis Arc

Kate Hannon's career as an early educator and inclusion advocate spans more than 30 years. For many families in the St. Louis area, Kate was the person who "opened the door" to inclusion for their child. As a therapist working in homes, as a teacher in the classroom, and an advocate and program director, Kate's commitment to inclusion has made a lasting impact on the St. Louis Community. Kate currently serves as a senior director of Belle Children's Services of St. Louis Arc, where she oversees programs serving more than a thousand young children and families each year.

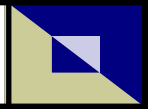
(Photo: GCD Director Claudia Browner presents the award to Kate Hannon)



For additional information, please visit our website at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/inclwin.htm>

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

The annual Youth Leadership Award recognizes an outstanding Missouri youth (age 16-26) with a disability that has demonstrated exemplary leadership by making a difference in their community.



5th Annual Youth Leadership Award: Andrew Tollefson

Helping people understand the ability behind the disability is a mission that Andrew Tollefson takes very seriously. As a junior at Francis Howell North High School in St. Charles, he excels academically and has maintained perfect attendance. Andrew is a member of Knights of Excellence Club, We Are All Knights Club, and has been on the Honor Roll for three years. Andrew serves as a tutor and mentor for elementary school children, and as an annual DisABILITY Awareness speaker to educate others and advocate for people with disabilities. He has been a guest reporter on Fox 2 News in St. Louis for *Variety the Children's Charity* fundraising week and was an advocate for people with disabilities on *The Thread*, a local television show.

(Photo: Andrew Tollefson)



For more information, please visit our website at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/youthleadershipaward.htm>

WEBSITE/IT AWARD

In 2016, the GCD initiated a new **Website/IT Award** to recognize a Missouri based agency or organization that provides a fully accessible, user friendly website.



2nd Annual Website/IT Award: Deaf Inc.

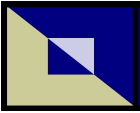
Deaf Inc.'s website has a great overall design. It provides high-quality, relevant information that reaches to a wide array of deaf community members and professionals. The featured videos are in American Sign Language with accurate captions that make it widely accessible and the text content is easily accessible through refreshable readers for people who are blind or visually impaired. The website's contrasting colors support easy navigation and readability.

(Photo: Tia Morris and Tony Nitko, Deaf, Inc.)

More information can be found at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/websiteaward.htm>

The Governor's Council on Disability is currently accepting nominations for the 2018 Inclusion Award, Youth Leadership Award, and Website/IT Award. Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2019.

The awards for 2018 will be presented at the 2019 Power Up Assistive Technology conference in Columbia.



LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION PROJECT

The purpose of the [Legislative Education Project](#) (LEP) is to educate individuals about the Missouri legislative process and motivate individuals by providing opportunities to become actively involved in public policy that impacts people with disabilities. The LEP is sponsored annually during the legislative session and includes online learning tools, the *LEP at the Capitol*, and the *LEP on the Road* to bring the training to individuals and organizations in their communities. During the 2018 legislative session, 47 individuals participated in the LEP.

The online training modules and videos teach individuals about *How a Bill Becomes a Law*, the *Elected Officials and General Assembly*, and *How to Navigate the House and Senate Websites*. The videos educate about *Accessible Voting*, *Attending a Senate Hearing and Providing Testimony*, and *Building an Effective Relationship with Legislators*. The learning modules and videos have had more than 1,200 views.

The Governor's Council on Disability annually conducts a **Legislative Priorities Poll** to determine the top legislative priorities among people with disabilities. The survey is sent out to agencies and individuals. Based on the 537 returned surveys, the Governor's Council on Disability will be following these legislative priorities during the 2019 legislative session:

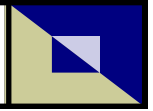
1. All schools having evacuation plans for all people with disabilities
2. All public buildings having evacuation plans for all people with disabilities
3. MO HealthNet coverage for hearing aids for adults
4. Private insurance coverage requirement for hearing aids
5. Mandated insurance coverage for all physical and developmental disabilities

There were several opportunities for individuals to share their personal thoughts regarding issues with competitive employment, housing, health care, and transportation, what they would like legislators to work on during the upcoming legislative session, and ideas to help Missouri be more disability friendly. There were several topics mentioned frequently, which included:

- A lack of choice in employment
- Not having enough affordable, accessible housing
- Lack and/or failure of public transportation
- The cost of health care/insurance, and ensuring therapies and services are provided for adults and for additional disabilities
- Maintaining the motorcycle helmet law

GCD will continue to advocate for people with disabilities in the 2019 legislative session. GCD staff will be examining bills that relate to disability and analyzing their impact on the disability community.

The GCD will continue to publish the weekly **Legislative Update** during the legislative session to provide information about disability-related bills.



MISSOURI YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF) was held July 10—14, 2018 at the University of Missouri in Columbia. This year, seventeen (17) youth-delegates participated in the five-day event, which is a leadership and career development skills training for high school juniors and seniors with disabilities.

(Photo: 2018 MO-YLF delegates and staff)



During the week-long program, the delegates learned about leadership, citizenship, employment and social skills. Activities included small and large group discussions, a community service project, disability history and awareness education, employment and career exploration, a mentoring luncheon, and a day at the State Capitol in Jefferson City to meet with legislators. Evening activities included a keynote speaker, an adaptive sports night, a talent show, and a dance party.

Delegates participated in a mock legislative session in the House and Senate Chambers of the Missouri State Capitol, learned about the legislative process and discussed disability-related legislation with three Representatives and one Senator. After the mock legislative sessions with the legislators, the delegates had the opportunity to tour the Governor's office.

On graduation day, a resource fair for delegates and parents was followed by the closing graduation, where the delegates gave presentations about what they had learned throughout the week to staff, family members and guests.

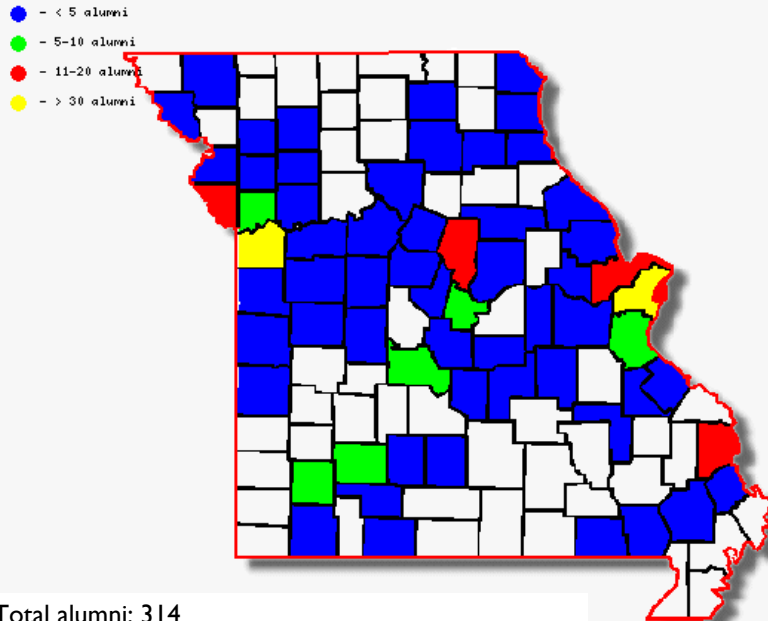
Outcomes of the MO-YLF are:

- Seventeen (17) delegates attended in 2018, representing 12 different counties in Missouri.
- Fourteen (14) alumni attended the 2018 MO-YLF as facilitators, team members, and mentors.
- The delegates and alumni participated in a community service project to help others in need by collecting supplies and donations for Operation Gratitude.
- Many alumni are pursuing post-secondary education with a few pursuing a graduate degree.
- Several have graduated from college and a few have received a graduate degree.
- Two alumni graduated from law school.
- One alumnus served on the Governor's Council on Disability.
- One alumna has been appointed to the St. Louis County Commission on Disabilities.
- One alumna is an ambassador for Shriners Hospitals for Children in St. Louis.
- One alumna was a speaker at The Life Conference in Delaware in 2018 where she spoke about how MO-YLF helped shape her life.
- One alumna participated in the JAG (Jobs for American's Graduates) event in Washington DC in 2018
- Several alumni have given presentations as panelists and/or keynote speakers at events, board meetings, transition fairs and conferences throughout the state.
- Several alumni have presented disability information in their schools and to their peers.
- Three alumni have received the GCD's Youth Leadership Award for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017.

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MISSOURI YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM, continued

Missouri Youth Leadership Forum – Alumni by Counties



Total alumni: 314
 Average: 20 per year
 Lowest #: 9 alumni (2004) Highest #: 29 alumni (6)

Jackson, St. Louis County (73 alumni)

Total no. of counties represented: 63, plus the City of St. Louis.

Total number of alumni attending the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum from 2001 – 2018: 314

The 2019 Forum will be held at University of Missouri in Columbia from July 16-20, 2019.

The counties displayed on the map include the following:

Group I (less than 5 alumni):

Adair, Audrain, Barry, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Butler, Caldwell, Callaway, Cass, Chariton, Christian, Clark, Clinton, Cooper, Crawford, Daviess, DeKalb, Franklin, Gasconade, Henry, Holt, Howard, Iron, Johnson, Lafayette, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Maries, Marion, Miller, Moniteau, Nodaway, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Pulaski, Ray, Ripley, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois, Saline, Scott, Shelby, Stoddard, Taney, Vernon, Warren, Webster, Wright

Group II (5 – 10 alumni):

Camden, Clay, Cole, Greene, Jefferson, Lawrence

Group III (11 – 20 alumni):

Boone, Cape Girardeau, Platte, St. Charles, St. Louis City

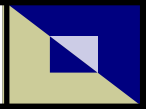
Group IV (21 – 30 alumni): none

Group V (more than 30 alumni):

EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES

The GCD supports the Business Leadership Networks (BLN) in Missouri, which are an employer driven endeavor to promote best practices in disability employment. In Missouri, there are three regional locations: 1) St. Louis region—Greater St. Louis Business Leadership Network (STLBLN) that covers Greater St. Louis region and eight of the Southern Illinois counties; 2) Kansas City region—Disability:IN, Kansas City, which covers the western Missouri and eastern Kansas area; and 3) Mid-Missouri region—Columbia Employment Consortium. The Missouri Business Leadership Networks are affiliated with the US Business Leadership Network—Disability:IN.

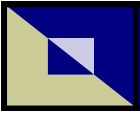
In 2018, GCD staff participated in various workgroups to address secondary education and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, participated in the APSE Employment Conference, hosted employment and mentor events at the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum, provided presentations on employment of individuals with disabilities, and collaborated with Missouri Parents Act (MPACT) to host the Tools for Life Transition Summit in Jefferson City.



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Governor's Council on Disability participated in numerous outreach activities throughout the year to promote disability awareness and inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of life. Some of the highlights were:

- GCD continues to update the Missouri Disability Web Portal, which serves as a one-stop access point for the public to obtain information on disability resources. The homepage of this portal offers links to other entities and state agencies that provide services to people with disabilities. In 2018, the Disability Web Portal had over 99,000 page views. The Missouri Disability Web Portal can be accessed at <http://disability.mo.gov>.
- GCD has a Facebook page reaching a growing fan base with more than 950 Likes/Followers and the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum has a Facebook page with more than 220 Followers. In 2017, GCD added a Twitter account reaching 67 followers to date.
- Over 1,500 individuals are subscribed to GCD listservs to receive disability-related information.
- During Disability History Month in October, GCD features an informational exhibit in the Truman Building in Jefferson City about National Disability Employment Awareness Month and Disability History Month in Missouri.
- The Governor's Council on Disability provides educational programs on disability rights, etiquette and awareness, employment of people with disabilities, service animals and other disability-related topics to any group or organization in Missouri requesting such information. Educational programs are specifically tailored to the individual or group to ensure effectiveness. During most quarterly public Council meetings, a presentation is provided on different disability-related topics. During calendar year 2018, GCD staff developed and presented 27 programs to 1,608 individuals around the state.
- In 2018, GCD provided outreach to 1,801 individuals at 57 meetings and events.
- GCD provided information to 2,843 people through exhibit booths at the following eleven conferences and transition fairs throughout the year:
 - ⇒ Family Partnership Parent and Caregiver Conference, Lake of the Ozarks
 - ⇒ High School Transition Fairs in:
 - ⇒ Barry/Scott Counties
 - ⇒ Cole County
 - ⇒ Camden County
 - ⇒ Kansas City
 - ⇒ Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Conference, Columbia
 - ⇒ Missouri Parents Act (MPACT) Tools for Life Transition Summit, Jefferson City
 - ⇒ Missouri School Counselors Association Conference, Lake of the Ozarks
 - ⇒ National Disability Employment Awareness Month/Disability History Month Exhibit, Jefferson City
 - ⇒ Power Up Assistive Technology Conference & Expo, Columbia
 - ⇒ Special Education Directors Conference, Jefferson City

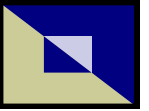


BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

As part of the Governor's Council on Disability's advisory capacity function, staff and Council members serve on a variety of boards and commissions to promote opportunities in all aspects of life, including employment, transportation, recreation, and housing. The following is a list of those boards and commissions in which staff and Council members served in calendar year 2018.

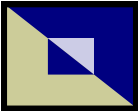
- Access and Functional Needs Committee, Statewide
- Access Ability, Jefferson City
- Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL), Nationwide
- APRIL Youth and Steering Committees, Nationwide
- AYL (Association of Youth Leadership Forums), Nationwide
- Brain Injury Association of Missouri, Statewide
- Central Missouri Youth Connections, Central Missouri
- Community Transition Teams, Statewide
- Disability Rights Legislative Day Steering Committee, Statewide
- Down Syndrome Association of St. Louis
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments, St. Louis
- Employment First Initiative, Statewide
- Giant Steps of St. Louis
- Harry S Truman Building Safety Coordinator Meetings, Jefferson City
- Lake Transition Network, Lake Ozark
- Missouri Association of the Rehabilitation for the Blind, Statewide
- Missouri Brain Injury Advisory Council, Statewide
- Missouri Centers for Independent Living (MOCIL), Statewide
- Missouri Council of the Blind, Statewide
- Missouri Disability Health Collaborative Advisory Committee, Statewide
- Missouri First Responders Disability Awareness Training Advisory Council, Statewide
- Missouri Inclusive Housing Development Corporation Board, Statewide
- Missouri Interagency Transition Team, Statewide
- Missouri Policy Summit on Secondary Education for Students with I/DD, Statewide
- Missouri State Deafblind Advisory Committee, Statewide
- Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council, Statewide
- Missouri UD Initiative
- Money Follows the Person Stakeholders Group, Jefferson City
- MO Youth Leadership Forum Planning Committee, Statewide
- MYLIFE Alumni Association, Statewide
- National Association of Governors' Committees on People with Disabilities, Nationwide

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Rehabilitation Services Administration, Columbia
- Special School District (SSD) Transition Team, St. Louis
- State Rehabilitation Council, Statewide
- St. Louis County Commission on Disabilities, St. Louis
- St. Louis Disability Transportation Resource Network, St. Louis
- State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies, Columbia
- Statewide Emergency Management Planning Teams, Statewide
- Supported Decision Making Stakeholder Group, Statewide
- Transition Training Institute Team, Statewide



2019 MEETING AND EVENT DATES

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

February 4, 2019

May 3, 2019

August 23, 2019

November 15, 2019

The Council meetings are scheduled to begin at 10 AM and will be held in Jefferson City.

The Council meetings are open to the public. If you would like to attend or request additional information, please contact our office at gcd@oa.mo.gov or 573-751-2600.

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